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FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A RETRACTABLE  
BASKETBALL BACKBOARD AND HOOP ASSEMBLY  
EXAMINER : M. CHAMBERS  
GROUP : 3711

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1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet;
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4. Declaration (2 pages);
5. Written Assertion of Small Entity Status;
6. Application, including Specification, Claims and Abstract of the Disclosure (44 pages), and Drawings (8 sheets);
7. Information Disclosure Statement; and
8. Return receipt postcard.

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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	CP004
First Inventor	DELBERT CLARKE PILE
Title	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A RETRACTABLE BASKETBALL BACKBOARD AND HOOP ASSEMBLY
Express Mail Label No.	ER376223010US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
- 3 ☒ Specification [Total Pages 44]  
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- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
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- Claim(s)  
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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